

# About your driving assessment

## We're here to help

We understand that obtaining a driver licence is an important step for most people living in Tasmania and we want to ensure that all drivers develop their skills to assist them to become a safer driver. This leaflet is designed to help you prepare for your assessment.

## Preparing for your assessment

Before your assessment, please make sure you do some research into what will be expected of you on the day. Practice the things you will be asked to do and brush-up on your Road Rules! Here are some links to sites that you might find helpful:



Learn to  
drive videos



Tasmanian  
Road Rules



Assessment  
criteria



Plates Plus



New to Tasmania  
(Road Safety  
Advisory Council)

Make sure that you know where to go for your assessment and arrive **at least 15 minutes** before your assessment time. Take your current licence and everything else you may need with you. You may need a logbook, licence translation, L plates, a supervisor. If you are unsure what you need to take with you, please ask us.

## Vehicle check

Make sure you check the suitability and roadworthiness of your vehicle (use the vehicle checklist attached to your booking confirmation) – check everything **before** the assessment day and then check again **on the assessment day**.



When you arrive, the assessor will go through a vehicle check with you. You will be asked to sit in the vehicle and operate the following controls:

- Turn on ignition/start the car.
- Operate the brake lights (foot on and off the brake pedal).
- Operate indicators left and right.
- Put the vehicle into reverse gear (don't reverse though).



Please practice going through this vehicle check with your supervisor or support person before the assessment day to make sure you are familiar with this process (and to check your vehicle is safe).

Vehicle check video link

## Assessment pre-brief and directions

Once you and the assessor are both in the vehicle and ready to start the assessment, the assessor will attach a camera to the car and say some things to the camera. This is just a formality for the purpose of the video. The assessor will then chat to you about how the assessment will be conducted, how long it will take, and how they will give you directions during the assessment. They will say something like...

*“To be assessed as satisfactory you must show me you are driving to the standard set by State Growth.*

*The on-road portion of the assessment will go for around 30 minutes.*

*During the assessment I will give you directions to turn or stop. At all other times follow the road signs and/or road markings.*

*I will not ask you to do anything illegal or unsafe.*

*At two points in the assessment, I am going to ask you to do a driving exercise.*

*Before you do the exercise, we will pull over to the side of the road and I will explain exactly what I want you to do.*

*If at any stage I haven't explained things well enough, please let me know and I'll explain it again.*

*I'll be recording information on your driving at the end of each section. Mostly I'll be filling out the assessment sheet when we stop.*

*When we get back, I'll give you some feedback on your drive and let you know your result.”*



If English is your second language the assessor may shorten or simplify the above instructions to make it easier for you to understand. Please ask questions at this stage if there is anything you don't understand.

# What does the assessment consist of?

The on-road assessment is conducted over six sections. The assessor will be looking at your driving and decision making and will be marking you against the **assessment criteria** ([transport.tas.gov.au/licensing/driving\\_assessments/?a=205432](http://transport.tas.gov.au/licensing/driving_assessments/?a=205432)).



Four of the sections consist of normal driving from point A to point B where the assessor will give you directions. In one of these four sections you will also undertake a merge or a lane change on a road with a minimum 80km/h speed limit. The other two sections are exercises. These are explained below:

## Left something behind (exercise 1)

Here you need to demonstrate your ability to turn the vehicle around in a safe and legal manner. You need to turnaround twice and remember where you have parked, as you will return to the same spot.

**The situation is...** *You drive off from here and at some point, down the street you realise that you have “left something behind” at this house and so you need to come back to get it.*

**When the exercise begins...** *You will move off and continue along the street as normal. At some point, I will say “You’ve left something behind – you need to go back”. You are then required to find the first safe and legal place to turn your vehicle around (without driving around the block), drive back past this address, turn around a second time, then park again back here in this same position.*



LSB  
video link

## Visit a friend – reverse parallel park (exercise 2)

Here you will do another turnaround followed by a **reverse parallel park**. Sometimes you might do the reverse park first and then the turnaround afterwards depending on the situation. The assessor will make it clear.

**The situation is...** *You have been driving along the road and you see a friend’s car parked on the opposite side of the road. You decide that you want to go visit them. The assessor will point to the target car you need to do your reverse park behind. You need to remember this car.*

**When the exercise begins...** *You will move off and go past the target car, once you are past the car you need to turn around at the first safe and legal place (the assessor will not say anything – you need to decide when to turn). When you reach the target car you need to pull up alongside it and do a reverse park into the space behind.*



Reverse Park  
video link

# Feedback and your result

At the end of the assessment the assessor will give you feedback on your driving, explaining the things you did well and the areas you need to work on. They might use diagrams and provide you with a feedback form which you can take away with you, along with a copy of your assessment sheet.

The assessor will let you know if you have been successful or not. Please remember that if your result is not the one you were hoping for, the assessor is there to help you understand the areas you need to focus on – we want you to succeed!



## Contact us

If you have any further questions regarding your assessment, please email us at [driver.assessment@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:driver.assessment@stategrowth.tas.gov.au) or telephone us on 6166 3171

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